

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): A staple case that contains a roll staple formed by connecting unformed staples in a roll shape comprising:

an opening, formed at a part of the staple case approximately normal to a circumferential surface of the roll staple, and through which a member for rotating the roll staple is brought into contact with a circumferential surface of the roll staple,

wherein a direction from a center of the roll staple to the opening and a tangent line of a portion of the roll staple where the member is brought into contact with the circumferential surface of the roll staple are substantially orthogonal.

Claim 11 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a pull-out opening through which the roll staple is pulled out.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 11, wherein the pull-out opening is provided at a vertical center of a front face of the staple case.

Claim 13 (Cancelled).

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a cushion portion.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a portion for positioning in a containing chamber.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a guide portion for guiding the staple case to a containing chamber.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a first case half; and
a second case half.

Claim 18 (Currently Amended): The staple case according to Claim 17, further
comprising:

a first opening through which the roll staple is pulled out; and
a second opening synonymous with the opening through which a member for rotating the
roll staple is brought into contact with the roll staple,

wherein the first opening is provided on one of the first case half and the second case half, and

the second opening is provided on one of the other of the first case half and the second case half.

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 17, further comprising:

a weak portion on a joint between the first case half and second case half.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a mark indicating a direction in which the staple case is inserted into a stapler on the side face of the staple case;

an upper face; and

a bottom face having a different shape to the upper face.

Claim 21 (Previously Presented): The staple case according to Claim 10, comprising:
a mark indicating a direction in which the staple case is inserted into a stapler on the side face of the staple case;
a front face; and
a back face having a different shape to the front face.

Claim 22 (Withdrawn): A staple case containing sheet staple comprising:
a cushion.

Claim 23 (Withdrawn): The staple case according to claim 22, wherein the cushion
comprises a cushion portion protruding from a corner of the staple case.

Claim 24 (Withdrawn): The staple case according to claim 22, further comprising:
a first case half; and
a second case half.

Claim 25 (Withdrawn): The staple case according to claim 24, wherein the cushion
comprises a cushion portion formed on flanges of the first and second case halves.

Claim 26 (Withdrawn): The staple case according to claim 22, further comprising:
an opening to which a member for pushing the sheet staple is inserted.

Claim 27 (Withdrawn): The staple case according to claim 22, further comprising:
a pull-out opening through which the sheet staple is pulled out.

Claim 28 (New): The staple case according to claim 10, wherein the staple case is attachable to and detachable from an electric stapler.

Claim 29 (New): The staple case according to claim 10, wherein the staple case is attachable to and detachable from a staple cartridge that is attachable to and detachable from an electric stapler.

Claim 30 (New): The staple case according to claim 10, further comprising:
a staple pull-out opening; wherein the direction from the center of the roll staple to the staple pull-out opening and a direction in which the roll staple is fed out from the pull-out opening are substantially orthogonal.